

#### 1 BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 2 Arizona Corporation Commission **COMMISSIONERS** DOCKETED 3 DOUG LITTLE - Chairman JUN 27 2016 4 **BOB STUMP BOB BURNS** DOCKETED BY 5 TOM FORESE **ANDY TOBIN** 6 In the matter of: DOCKET NO. S-20967A-16-0137 7 75599 ROBERT TURPIN CRD # 1063249, and DECISION NO. 8 ALLEENE TURPIN, husband and wife, ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST, ORDER 9 Respondents. OF REVOCATION, ORDER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES AND 10 **CONSENT TO SAME** 11 BY: RESPONDENTS ROBERT TURPIN AND ALLEENE TURPIN 12 13 Respondents Robert Turpin ("Turpin") and Alleene Turpin ("Respondent Spouse") elect to 14 permanently waive any right to a hearing and appeal under Articles 11 and 12 of the Securities Act of Arizona, A.R.S. § 44-1801 et seq. ("Securities Act") with respect to this Order to Cease and Desist, 15 Order of Revocation, Order for Administrative Penalties and Consent to Same ("Order"). Turpin and 16 17 Respondent Spouse admit the jurisdiction of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission"); 18 neither admit nor deny the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained in this Order; and 19 consent to the entry of this Order by the Commission solely for the purpose of settling this 20 proceeding. 21 I. 22 FINDINGS OF FACT 23 1. During the relevant timeframe, i.e. throughout 2014 to the present, Turpin has been a 24 resident of Arizona. 25

- 2. Respondent Spouse was at all relevant times Turpin's spouse. Respondent Spouse is joined in this action under A.R.S. § 44-2031(C) solely for purposes of determining the liability of the marital community.
- 3. At all times relevant, Turpin was acting for his own benefit and for the benefit or in furtherance of his and Respondent Spouse's marital community.
  - 4. Turpin and Respondent Spouse may be referred to collectively as "Respondents."
  - 5. Turpin was a securities salesman registered with the Commission beginning in 1985.
- 6. From February 2010 to September 2015, Turpin was employed by and registered with Source Capital Group, Inc., a securities dealer registered with the Commission.
- 7. On March 13, 2014, Turpin organized Tara First Mortgage-Phase I, LLC ("Tara 1"), an Arizona limited liability company of which Turpin is the sole manager.
- 8. On May 22, 2014, Turpin organized Tara First Mortgage-Second Offering, LLC ("Tara 2"), an Arizona limited liability company of which Turpin is the sole member.
- 9. Both Tara 1 and Tara 2 raised capital to fund a housing development in North Dakota.

  Tara 1 and Tara 2 obtained capital by selling LLC membership interests to investors.
- 10. In offering materials to "Interested Potential Investors" Turpin described these membership-interest sales as an "offering" that would pay 20% interest "on a monthly basis to investors."
- 11. Turpin, Tara 1 and Tara 2 represented to offerees that the developer was going to use investor funds to build townhomes on property in North Dakota. In exchange for these loans, Tara 1 and Tara 2 were to receive a first-position mortgage paying 20% interest, secured by townhomes and the property on which they were going to be built.
- 12. The developer would pay the entities from profits the developer received from selling or renting the townhomes. Tara 1 and Tara 2 would then pay their investors a 20% return on their investments.

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- 13. From March 2014 to December 2014, Turpin and Tara 1 sold membership interests in Tara 1 to 23 investors for net total sales of \$2,249,000. These investors paid for their investments by check or wire transfers to Tara 1.
- 14. From June 2014, to December 2014, Turpin and Tara 2 offered and sold membership interests in Tara 2 to nine investors for total sales of \$2,500,000. These investors paid for their investments by check or wire transfers to Tara 2.
  - 15. Turpin received an 8% commission for selling the Tara 1 and Tara 2 investments.
- 16. Several Tara 1 and Tara 2 investors received monthly interest payments for several months after investing. Investors have not received a return of their principal.
- 17. At least 15 of the 23 Tara 1 investors were clients of Turpin's while Turpin was a securities salesman at Source Capital.
- 18. At least four of the nine Tara 2 investors were clients of Turpin's while Turpin was a securities salesman at Source Capital.
- 19. Turpin did not notify Source Capital that Turpin had formed Tara 1 and Tara 2 and he did not notify Source Capital of the entities' business activities.
- 20. Turpin did not disclose to Source Capital that he was selling the investments in Tara 1 and Tara 2.
- 21. On September 4, 2015, Source Capital terminated Turpin for selling an unapproved product.
  - 22. Turpin has not been registered with a registered dealer since his termination.

II.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Article XV of the Arizona Constitution and the Securities Act.
- 2. Turpin has engaged in dishonest or unethical conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-1962(A)(10). Specifically, while registered as a securities salesman Turpin effected securities

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transactions that were not recorded on the records of the dealer with whom Turpin was registered at the time of the transactions.

- 3. Turpin's conduct subjects him to an order of revocation pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-1962(A)(10).
- 4. Turpin's conduct is grounds for a cease and desist order pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-1962(B)(2).
  - 5. Turpin's conduct is grounds for administrative penalties under A.R.S. § 44-1962.
- 6. Turpin acted for the benefit of his and Respondent Spouse's marital community and, pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 25-214 and 25-215, an order of administrative penalties is a debt of the community.

### III.

#### **ORDER**

THEREFORE, on the basis of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Respondents' consent to the entry of this Order, attached and incorporated by reference, the Commission finds that the following relief is appropriate, in the public interest, and necessary for the protection of investors:

IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-1962(B)(2) that Turpin and any of Turpin's agents, employees, successors and assigns, permanently cease and desist from engaging, whether directly or indirectly, in the acts which form the basis for this Order, including those acts referenced in paragraph 2 of the above Conclusions of Law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Turpin complies with the attached Consent to Entry of Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-1962, that Turpin, individually, and the marital community of Turpin and Respondent Spouse, jointly and severally pay an administrative penalty in the amount of \$35,000 as a result of the conduct set forth in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. Payment of \$25,000 is due in on the date of this Order. Payment of the remaining \$10,000 is due 180 days from the date of this Order. Payment shall be made to the "State

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of Arizona." Any portion of the \$25,000 payment not paid as of the date of this Order shall accrue 1 interest as allowed by law. Any portion of the \$10,000 payment not paid on or before the date that is 2 3 180 days after the date of this Order shall accrue interest as allowed by law. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-1962, that Turpin's securities salesman 4 registration is revoked. 5 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that if Turpin fails to comply with this order, the Commission 6 may bring further legal proceedings against him, including application to the superior court for an 7 order of contempt. 8 9 If Turpin does not comply with this Order, any outstanding balance may be deemed in default and shall be immediately due and payable. For purposes of this Order, a bankruptcy filing by Turpin 10 shall be an act of default. 11 /// 12 13 /// /// 14 /// 15 /// 16 17 /// /// 18 /// 19 20 /// /// 21 /// 22 /// 23 /// 24 25 /// 26 5

## CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER

- 1. Turpin admits the jurisdiction of the Commission over the subject matter of this proceeding. Turpin acknowledges that Turpin has been fully advised of his right to a hearing to present evidence and call witnesses and Turpin knowingly and voluntarily waives any and all rights to a hearing before the Commission and all other rights otherwise available under Article 11 of the Securities Act and Title 14 of the Arizona Administrative Code. Turpin acknowledges that this Order constitutes a valid final order of the Commission.
- 2. Turpin knowingly and voluntarily waives any right under Article 12 of the Securities Act to judicial review by any court by way of suit, appeal, or extraordinary relief resulting from the entry of this Order.
- 3. Turpin acknowledges and agrees that this Order is entered into freely and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to induce such entry.
- 4. Turpin and Respondent Spouse have been represented by an attorney in this matter, have reviewed this order with their attorneys, **Paul Roshka and Craig Waugh of the firm Polsinelli PC**, and understand all terms it contains. Turpin and Respondent Spouse acknowledge that their attorney has apprised them of their rights regarding any conflicts of interest arising from dual representation. Turpin and Respondent Spouse acknowledge that they have each given their informed consent to such representation.
- 5. Turpin neither admits nor denies the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained in this Order. Turpin agrees that Turpin shall not contest the validity of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained in this Order in any present or future proceeding in which the Commission is a party.
- 6. Turpin and Respondent Spouse further agree that in any present or future: (a) bankruptcy proceeding, or (b) non-criminal proceeding in which the Commission is a party (collectively, "proceeding(s)"), the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained in this Order may be taken as true and correct and that this Order shall collaterally estop them from re-litigating

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with the Commission or any other state agency, in any forum, the accuracy of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained in this Order. In the event Turpin or Respondent Spouse pursues bankruptcy protection in the future, they further agree that in such bankruptcy proceeding, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(19), the following circumstances exist:

- A. The obligations incurred as a result of this Order are a result of the conduct set forth in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in the Order and are for the violation of Arizona state securities laws, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(19)(A)(i);
- B. This Order constitutes a judgment, order, consent order, or decree entered in a state proceeding pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(19)(B)(i), a settlement agreement entered into by Turpin and Respondent Spouse pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(19)(B)(ii), and a court order for damages, fine, penalty, citation, restitution payment, disgorgement payment, attorney fee, cost or other payment owed by Turpin and Respondent Spouse pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(19)(B)(iii).
- 7. By consenting to the entry of this Order, Turpin agrees not to take any action or to make, or permit to be made, any public statement denying, directly or indirectly, any Finding of Fact or Conclusion of Law in this Order or creating the impression that this Order is without factual basis.
- 8. While this Order settles this administrative matter between Turpin and the Commission, Turpin understands that this Order does not preclude the Commission from instituting other administrative or civil proceedings based on violations that are not addressed by this Order.
- 9. Turpin understands that this Order does not preclude the Commission from referring this matter to any governmental agency for administrative, civil, or criminal proceedings that may be related to the matters addressed by this Order.
- 10. Turpin understands that this Order does not preclude any other agency or officer of the state of Arizona or its subdivisions from instituting administrative, civil, or criminal proceedings that may be related to matters addressed by this Order.

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- 11. Turpin agrees that he will not apply to the state of Arizona for registration as a securities dealer or salesman or for licensure as an investment adviser or investment adviser representative until such time as all penalties under this Order are paid in full.
- Turpin agrees that he will not exercise any control over any entity that offers or sells 12. securities or provides investment advisory services within or from Arizona until such time as all restitution and penalties under this Order are paid in full.
- Turpin and Respondent Spouse acknowledge that the penalties imposed by this Order 13. are obligations of the Turpin as well as the marital community.
- Turpin consents to the entry of this Order and agrees to be fully bound by its terms 14. and conditions.
- Turpin acknowledges and understands that if he fails to comply with the provisions 15. of the order and this consent, the Commission may bring further legal proceedings against him, including application to the superior court for an order of contempt.
- Turpin understands that default shall render him liable to the Commission for its costs 16. of collection and interest at the maximum legal rate.
- Turpin agrees and understands that if he fails to make any payment as required in the 17. Order, any outstanding balance shall be in default and shall be immediately due and payable without notice or demand. Turpin agrees and understands that acceptance of any partial or late payment by the Commission is not a waiver of default by the Commission.

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	In the matter of:  DOCKET NO. S-20967A-16-0137
7	ROBERT TURPIN CRD # 1063249, and ) NOTICE OF FILING OF PROPOSED
8	ALLEENE TURPIN, husband and wife,  OPEN MEETING AGENDA ITEM
9	Respondents.
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12	Pursuant to A.A.C. R14-4-303, you are hereby notified that the attached: Order to Cease and
	Desist, Order for Revocation, Order for Administrative Penalties, and Consent to Same, was filed
13	with the Arizona Corporation Commission's Docket Control.
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15	Dated: 5/31/16 By: 1/201/
16	Ryan J. Millecam, Staff Attorney
17	I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document on all parties of record in
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19	this proceeding by mailing a copy thereof, properly addressed with first class postage prepaid to:
	Paul J. Roshka, Jr.
20	Craig M. Waugh One East Washington, Suite 1200
21	Phoenix, AZ 85004
22	Attorney for Respondents  Dated: 5/31/16  By: Mine L. Ludge
23	Dated: By: Emie R. Bridges, Executive Assistant
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1	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall become effective immediately.
2	BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION
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9	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, JODI JERICH, Executive Director of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have
0	hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix
1	this 27 day of June, 2016.
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ا 4	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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